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SUBJECT: ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT

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SUBJECT: ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND, JUNE 26-28

1. SUMMARY-FOREIGN MINISTER MORO'S VISIT WAS LARGELY CEREMONIAL AND DID NOT RESULT IN ANY NEW AGREEMENTS BETWEEN POLAND AND ITALY. CONFIDENTIAL

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MORO WAS RECEIVED BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK AND PRIME MINISTER

JAROSZEWICZ AND HELD EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI. DISCUSSIONS COVERED DETENTE, CSCE, MBFR, EC-CEMA RELATIONS, THE MIDDLE EAST, THE NATO DECLARATION AND BILATERAL MATTERS. THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER ALLEGEDLY EXPRESSED TO THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HIS MISGIVINGS THAT TOO RAPID PROGRESS TOWARD EC POLITICAL INTEGRATION WOULD STRENGTHEN HAND OF ELEMENTS IN SOVIET UNION WHICH FAVOR MORE POLITICAL INTEGRATION IN SOCIALIST CAMP. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT POLES MAY BE PROMOTING MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS AS A SIGNIFICANT CSCE BASKET 3 CONCESSION. END SUMMARY

- 2. ITALIAN COUNSELOR TOLD DCM JULY 3 THAT VISIT TOOK PLACE AT INSISTENCE OF POLISH AMBASSADOR TO ROME SIDOR. ATMOSPHERICS WERE EXCELLENT BUT LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE WAS ACHIEVED. GIEREK WAS APPARENTLY IMPRESSED WITH MORO AND ORDERED FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI TO ACCOMPANY THE VISITOR TO OSWIECIM AND TO SHOW HIM SOME INDUSTRIAL PLANTS ON THE WAY. OLSZOWSKI STAYED WITH THE PARTY THROUGHOUT THEIR TRIP EXCEPT FOR THE EXCURSION TO THE RELIGIOUS CENTER OF CZESTOCHOWA DURING WHICH HE RATHER AWKWARDLY ABSENTED HIMSELF. UNFORTUNATELY, MORO DID NOT RECIPROCATE GIEREK'S ADMIRATION AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PUT OFF BY THE PATENTLY OVERBLOWN DECLARATION OF LOVE FOR ITALY AND LL THINGS ITALIAN WITH WHICH THE FIRST SECRETARY, SPEAKING FRENCH, BEGAN THEIR CONVERSATION. HE IS SAID TO HAVE FOUND PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ MORE IMPRESSIVE.
- 3. DURING THE TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI, THE POLISH SIDE IS SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PORTION OF THE NATO DECLARATION SUPPORTING DETENTE BUT TO HAVE OBJECTED TO THE REFERENCES TO THE NEED FOR GREATER INTEGRATION AND TO THE CONTINUING SOVIET ARMS BUILD-UP. MORO IS SAID TO HAVE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DOCUMENT AS ONE OF THE FIRST INSTANCES IN WHICH EC MEMBERS HAD SUCCEEDED IN FORMULATING AND EXPRESSING A JOINT POSITION.
- 4. THE ITALIANS STRESSED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THEY PLACE ON CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE UNITY IN THE EC. OLSZOWSKI MADE A STRONG REPLY ON THE LINES THAT HILE POLAND HAS NO OBJECTION TO EC ECONOMIC UNITY, POLITICAL INTEGRATION IN WESTERN EUROPE MEANS MILITARY INTEGRATION AND WILL INEVITABLY MEAN THAT THE MEMBER WITH THE STRONGEST ECONOMY, WEST GERMANY, WILL BE THE EFFECTIVE LEADER OF AN INTEGRATED EC MILITARY. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR MONDELLO BUTTONCONFIDENTIAL

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HOLED OLSZOWSKI AFTER THE MEETING AND POINTED OUT THAT THE POLES MUST KNOW THAT ITALY AND OTHER EC MEMBERS CONSIDER THE EVENTUAL CREATION OF INTEGRATED EC ARMY FORCES A HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AND PREFEREABLE TO CONTINUING GROWTH OF NATIONAL FORCES. OLSZOWSKI SAID THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN A LARGE ONE AND HE HAD BEEN GIVING THE OFFICIAL LINE. HE COULD ASSURE MONDELLO THAT THE POLES SPOKE QUITE DIFFERENTLY IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. MONDELLO MUST REALIZE THAT THERE ARE ELEMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION WHO URGE FASTER

MILITARY AND POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE SOCIALIST CAMP AND OTHER ELEMENTS WHICH OPPOSE IT. HE, OLSZOWSKI, DID NOT, OF COURSE, OPPOSE INTEGRATION BUT TOO SPEEDY PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION BY WESTERN EUROPE STRENGTHENED THE HAND OF THOSE IN THE SOVIET UNION WHO WANTED QUICKER PROGRESS IN THE SOCIALIST WORLD. IF INTEGRATION MOVED TOO QUICKLY HERE IN POLAND THERE WAS THE DANGER OF AN "EXPLOSIVE REACTION."

- 5. DISCUSSION OF CSCE FOLLOWED THE STANDARD LINES WITH THE POLES URGING CONTINUATION OF PHASE 2 WITHOUT INTERRUPTION AND AN EARLY PAHSE 3 SUMMIT. THE ITALIANS INSISTED THAT CONTENT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TIMING. THE POLES SUGGESTED TO MORO THAT ITALY AND POLAND MUTUALLY ABOLISH VISA REQUIREMENTS AND INTIMATED THAT THIS CONSTITUTED AN IMPORTANT BASKET III CONCESSION. MORO REPORTEDLY FOUND THE PROPOSAL INTERESTING ALTHOUGH HIS EMBASSY HERE ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE HIM OF ITS TRIVIALITY.
- 6. THE ITALIANS NOTED THAT, WHILE THERE WAS, OF COURSE, NO DIRECT CONNECTION, PROGRESS IN MBFR MIGHT RESULT IN PROGRESS ON CSCE. THE POLES AGREED THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BUT EXPRESSED THE HUNCH THAT PROGRESS IN GENEVA MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY PROGRESS IN VIENNA.
- 7. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE POLISH SIDE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE THE SOVIETS PLAYED IN FACILITATING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEGOTIATIONS. THE POLES INSIST THAT THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS THE SOLE KEY TO THE MIDDLE EAST DILEMMA AND THAT EVERYTHING ELSE INCLUDING JERUSALEM COULD BE EASILY RESOLVED.
- 8. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, THE ITALIANS INSISTED THAT CEMA SHOULD APPROACH THE EC COMMISSION TO BEGIN TALKS. AFTER CONSULTATIONS, THE POLES RETURNED THE NEXT DAY TO SAY THAT PERHAPS CEMA WOULD DO SO BUT ONLY IF, AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF OFFICIAL CONTACTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR CHANNEL OF MEETINS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC COMMISSION AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CEMA.

9. IN BILATERAL ECONOMIC DEALINGS, THE POLES OBJECTED THAT ITALY HAD NOT DELIVERED ON ALL PROMISED CREDITS. THE ITALIANS REPLIED THAT PARLIAMENTARY ACTION TO REPLENISH EXPORT CREDITS WAS IN PROGRESS AND THAT THE POLES WOULD BE THE FIRST TO RECEIVE CREDITS WHEN NEW FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. WHEN THE POLES COMPLAINED OF THE ITALIAN IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME, THE ITALIANS SAID THE SYSTEM WAS TEMPORARY, WAS AIMED AT SOPPING UP INTERNAL LIQUIDITY RATHER THAN HALTING IMPORTS AND THAT IT HAD TAKEN THE POLES ONLY TEN DAYS OR SO TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE SYSTEM WORKED AND SUCCEED IN ACTUALLY INCREASING THE LEVEL OF THEIR MEAT IMPORTS. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE KISIEL THEN STATED THAT THE NEW BAN ON MEAT IMPORTS

FOR TWELVE DAYS BEGINNING JULY 1 WAS A FURTHER DISCRIMINATION. THE ITALIANS EXPLAINED THAT THE BAN WAS IMPOSED BY THE EC COMMISSION, TO WHOM THE POLES SHOULD ADDRESS THEMSELVES, AND APPLIED ONLY TO ISSUANCE OF NEW LICENSES, NOT TO SHIPMENTS ALREADY LICENSED AND EN ROUTE.

- 10. ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN DCM, THERE WAS NOT MUCH DISCUSSION AND NO AGREEMENT ON APPOINTING AN EXTRA OFFICER TO THE POLISH EMBASSY IN ROME TO DEAL WITH VATICAN AFFAIRS. THE POLES HAVE ASKED FOR AN INCREASE OF ONE OFFICER IN ROME AND ONE IN MILAN, BUT NOT SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT PURPOSE. THERE IS A FIRST SECRETARY IN THE POLISH EMBASSY WHO HAS UNOFFICIALLY COVERED THE VATICAN FOR YEARS. POLISH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CZYREK WILL PRESUMABLY RAISE THE POLISH REQUEST DURING HIS IMPENDING VISIT TO ROME AND SOMETHING MAY BE WORKED OUT.
- 11. ALTHOUGH NO AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED DURING MINISTER MORO'S VISIT, MINISTER OF NAVIGATION COPPO IS NOW IN WARSAW TO SIGN A NAVIGATION AGREEMENT WHICH OUR SOURCE DESCRIBED ONLY AS "HIGHLY TECHNICAL."
- 12. THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED JUNE 29, PLAYS UP THE 10-YEAR AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION CONCLUDED LAST JANUARY. IT MENTIONS A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FUTURE ON COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION, ABOLISHMENT OF DOUBLE TAXATION RECEIPTS, AND AIRLINE AGREEMENT, AND A VETERINARY CONFIDENTIAL

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CONVENTION. ADDITIONALLY, THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL ENCUMBRANCES AND IN ENCOURAGING INCREASED TOURIST TRAFFIC BETWEEN THEM. THEY CALLED FOR INTENSIFICATION OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND AGREED TO RAISE TO THE STATUS OF "CULTURAL INSTITUTES" THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES STATION IN ROME AND THE ITALIAN READING ROOM HERE. INVITATIONS WERE EXCHANGED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY THE RESPECTIVE HEADS OF STATE.

- 13. THE COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZES DETENTE WHICH IT DEPICTS AS THE "DOMINATING" FEATURE IN EUROPE. A LENGTHY PASAAGE ON CSCE PLUGS STRONGLY FOR AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO CONCLUDE THE CONFERENCE FAVORABLY, BUT, ON THIRD PHASE TIMING, IT CONFINES ITSELF TO EXPRESSING HOPE THAT A FINAL SESSION CAN BE CALLED "IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL." THERE IS BRIEF MENTION OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN FURTHER CONTACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF "CONTINUING THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE."
- 14. MBFR IS TREATED IN FAMILIAR TERMS EMPHASIZING IT AS A MENAS OF PERFECTING "POLITICAL DETENTE" THROUGH "MILITARY" RELAXATION. THERE IS ALSO THE USUAL SOCIALIST COMMUNITY CAVEAT AGAINST PREJUDICING THE SECURITY OF ANY SIDE. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMMUNIQUE BRIEFLY EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AND

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